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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 04/07/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/31/01
BRO-FRY	154,616	154,623
LT HENS	2,056	2,090
HVY HENS	1,543	1,429

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 31-MAR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	434	27	461
LAST WEEK	522	7	529
SAME WK YR AGO	594	0	594
TO DATE 2001	6,989	100	7,089
TO DATE 2000	7,150	39	7,189

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,477	1,350	3,827
LAST WEEK	2,475	1,403	3,878
SAME WK YR AGO	2,505	1,314	3,819
TO DATE 2001	31,313	16,789	48,102
TO DATE 2000	33,442	17,808	51,250

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 31-MAR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	150,228 (A)	2,043	1,323	3,366
AVG WT	5.02	3.49	7.89	5.22
LAST WEEK	150,141	1,953	1,396	3,349
SAME WEEK YR AGO	156,244	1,911	1,314	3,225
AVG WT	4.97	3.56	7.69	5.24
TO-DATE/2001	1,944,690	24,324	16,689	41,013
TO-DATE/2000	1,998,338	26,292	17,769	44,061

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.1 million head or 1.6 million head less than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING MARCH 24, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	33,566	21,646	50,691
AVG WEIGHT	3.83	4.67	6.00
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	20%	48%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	29,392	27,981	40,701
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.82	6.08
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	29%	42%
 SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	 35,074	 40,542	 34,114
AVG WEIGHT	3.69	4.80	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	37%	31%
 TO DATE/2001	 384,331	 307,083	 524,806
TO DATE/2000	408,769	376,312	471,721

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 31-MAR-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,068	2,615	31	31	4,745
AVG WT	16.77	34.80	26.82	20.66	26.84
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,967	2,805	37	10	4,819
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,062 (C)		30	51	5,143
AVG WT	24.69 (C)		26.97	26.90	24.73
TO-DATE/2001	59,564 (C)		484	226	60,274
TO-DATE/2000	59,480 (C)		200	467	60,147

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000 for the year 267,000; last year to date 39,000.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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